

**TEXAS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BOARD
BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 9:48 a.m. by the Chairman, Timothy Webb, J.D. Board members present were Stephen D. Benold, M.D.; G. Al Bendeck, PA-C; Margaret K. Bentley; Pamela W. Clark; Dwight M. Deter, PA-C; Michael Mitchell, D.O.; and Pamela Welch, PA-C. Staff members present were Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., Executive Director; Michele Shackelford, General Counsel; Jaime Garanfio, Director of Customer Affairs; and various other staff members.

Agenda item #2, Board Member Report. Mr. Webb deferred his report for later during the meeting.

Agenda item #3, Executive Session. There were no items for executive session.

Agenda item #4, Executive Director's Report. Dr. Patrick discussed the need to have an interim agreed order or other process to begin early Board monitoring of physician assistants who are reported as impaired by drugs or alcohol. Participation in the Board drug-testing program would provide much better protection for the public and more information for use by the Board and staff. After discussion, the Board authorized the Executive Director to sign interim orders or agreements that would place impaired physician assistants in the Board testing program as early as possible.

Agenda item #5, Report on status of Chapter 185, Physician Assistants. Ms. Shackelford reported that the Texas Medical Board rules as reviewed by the Physician Assistant Board were presented to the Medical Board and passed as proposed.

Agenda item #6, Consideration and Approval of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders and Modification Request/Termination Request of Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders. Mr. Deter moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to go into executive session at 10:25 a.m. for consideration of possible rehabilitation orders under the authority of the Open Meetings Act, GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071; and the Medical Practice Act, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE ANNOTATED, §152.009; and the Physician Assistant Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code Annotated, §§204.208, 204.254, 204.305, and 204.306; and Attorney Generals' Opinion No. H-484. Open session resumed at 10:33 a.m. and it was announced that no action was taken. A certified agenda was made.

After discussion, Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Clark seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Non-Public Rehabilitation Orders #27 and #30.

Agenda item #7, Consideration and Approval of Agreed Board Orders. Mr. Deter moved and Ms. Clark seconded the motion to approve the Agreed Order for Tracy B. Welborn, P.A. After concerns were discussed, the item was tabled.

There were no items for Agenda items #8-#14.

Agenda item #15, Consideration and Approval of minutes of the February 24, 2006, Full Board Meeting. After consideration, **Dr. Benold moved, Mr. Deterseconded, and the motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2006 Full Board Meeting.**

Agenda item #16, Committee reports and the consideration and approval of minutes and action items of committees meeting during the board meeting.

Ms. Bentley gave a report of the Disciplinary and Ethic Committee meeting. **Ms. Clark moved, Mr. Deterseconded, and the motion passed to approve the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee meeting minutes and action items.**

Mr. Deter gave a report of the Licensure Committee meeting. Mr. Bendeck moved, Ms. Bentley seconded, and the motion passed to approve the Licensure Committee meeting minutes and action items.

Agenda item #7, continued. The Chair recognized Dr. Patrick who provided the licensure status of Tracy B. Welborn, P.A. After additional discussion, **Mr. Deter restated his motion and the motion passed to approve the Agreed Order for Tracy B. Welborn, P.A., as written.**

Agenda item #17, Election of Secretary. Ms. Clark nominated **Dr. Benold as Secretary** and Ms. Bentley seconded. A vote was called. All voted in favor of **Dr. Benold.** Mr. Webb announced **Dr. Benold as the Secretary of the Board.**

Agenda item #18, Board Member Report. Mr. Webb read Board Resolutions with plaques thanking Dr. Hedges and Mr. Belgard for their dedication and service to the Board.

Mr. Webb announced the opportunity for Open Government Training after the Board meeting.

Agenda item #21, Adjourn. There being no further agenda items the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.